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Montana Health Care Programs Notice

Optometric Providers and Opticians

Effective July 1, 2014

Reimbursement Rate Changes and Terminology Change Regarding Method of Payment

Optometric and optician provider reimbursement rates on each fee schedule will be increased by approximately 2% for SFY 2015 beginning on July 1, 2014. This is due to an appropriation by the 63rd legislative session in 2013. In addition, the conversion factor will change for Allied Health Services from \$23.08 in SFY 2014 to \$24.33 for SFY 2015.

The Department has changed the terminology used to define the reimbursement method based on a percentage of a provider's billed charge. The term "by report" will no longer be used and Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will replace "by report" on the Department fee schedule. The Department has determined that the MSRP is a better representation of how medical supplies and equipment are priced and reimbursed in accordance with the Administrative Rule of Montana. As it was with the "by report" method, a procedure with MSRP listed as the method of reimbursement on the fee schedule will be paid either a percentage of the billed charges or the acquisition cost of the item.

In an effort to maintain an up-to-date fee schedule, the Department has removed 1 code from the optometric fee schedule that has showed little to no utilization in the past three years.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Rena Steyaert at (406) 444-4066 or rsteyaert@mt.gov.

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or (406) 442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com.

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